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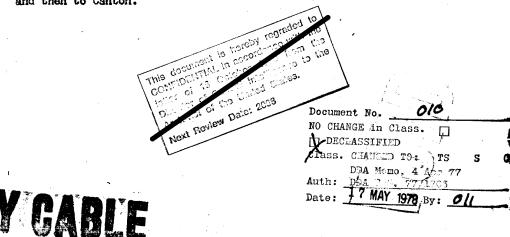
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- The Nationalist forces are incapable of defending the Yangtze River line, and are evacuating all of the troops to the south bank. The evacuation north of Chenchiang (119-28,32-12) is proceeding under heavy enemy pressure, with the Nationalist air and nevel forces participating.
- 2. The Nationalists have no intention of trying to defend the Nanking-Shanghai area. They are attempting to extricate all forces and materiel in the area, and are moving through Shanghai to Hangchow.
- The Nationalists will attempt to establish a defense line along the Chientang River, but it is doubtful if they can organize an effective defense. The morale of the troops is very low and many are deserting. There is no real obstacle to a Communist push into South China except terrain and supply problems.
- The Ministry of National Defense will move to Shanghai before 29 January, and then to Canton.



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